



How to Use COMcheck Energy Code Compliance Software

U.S. Department of Energy Building Energy Codes Program

When does COMcheck apply?

Commercial New Construction, Alterations and Additions

- Commercial Buildings include all buildings except
 - Single family
 - Low rise multi-family < 3 stories in height

State Dependent

- Not all states have the same code, some states have state-specific energy codes
- Check to see what code is applicable in your state and if COMcheck is accepted
- Status of State Codes
- http://www.energycodes.gov/implement/state_codes/index.stm

Components that Must Comply with the Energy Code

Building Envelope

- construction assembly (materials & insulation levels)
- windows, doors & skylights

Mechanical Systems
Service Water Heating
Lighting Systems



How do they correlate in COM*check*? No trade-offs between systems!

What is COMcheck-EZ?

Envelope

- trade-off calculations are based on envelope loads only
- defines a proposed design and a budget design

Lighting

Watts/square foot (LPDs)

Mechanical

 short wizard to customize a list of requirements applicable to the system identified

What Do I Need to Know?

Information you need to use COMcheck-EZ:

- General Understanding of Windows-based Computer Programs
- Basic Information about the Builder and Project to be Constructed
- 3. Building Plans including Exterior Wall Areas, Glazing Areas, Roof/Ceiling Areas, Basement Wall Areas, etc.
- Insulation R-Values, NFRC Glazing and Door U-Factors, etc.
- Lighting
- 6. Heating and Cooling System Efficiencies
- 7. Service Water Heating



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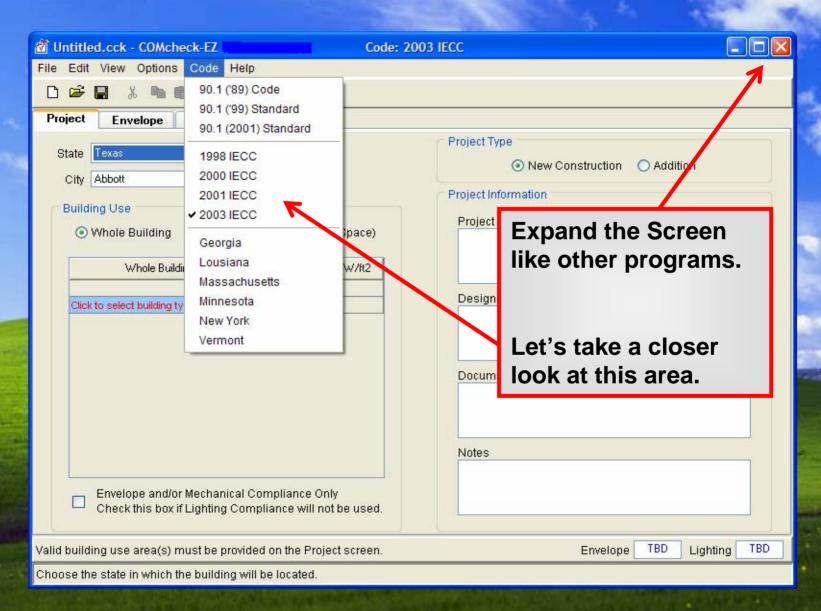


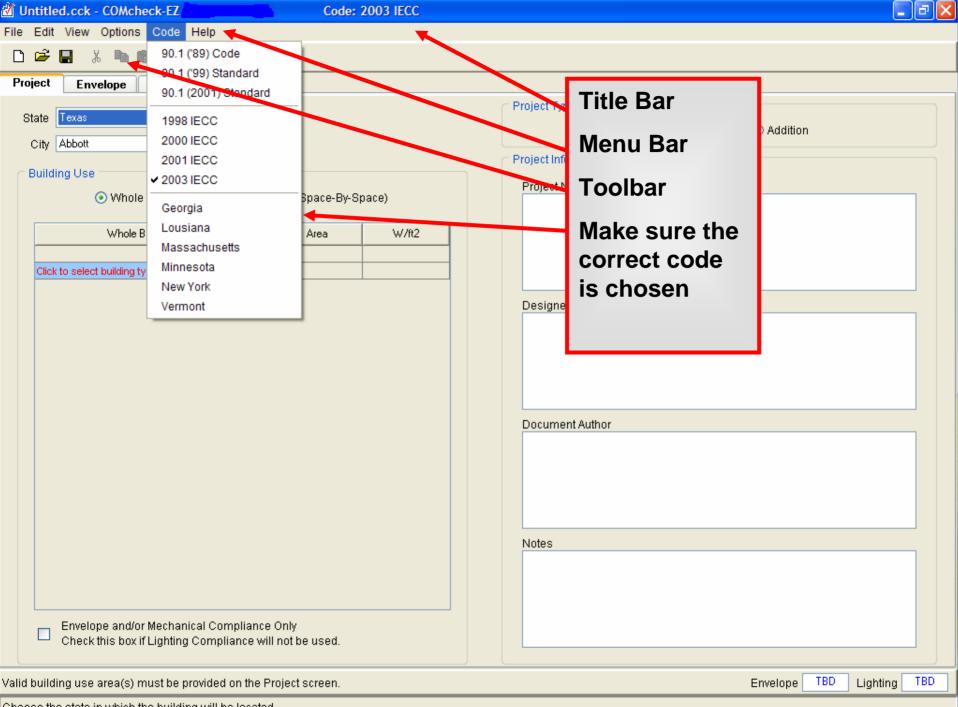




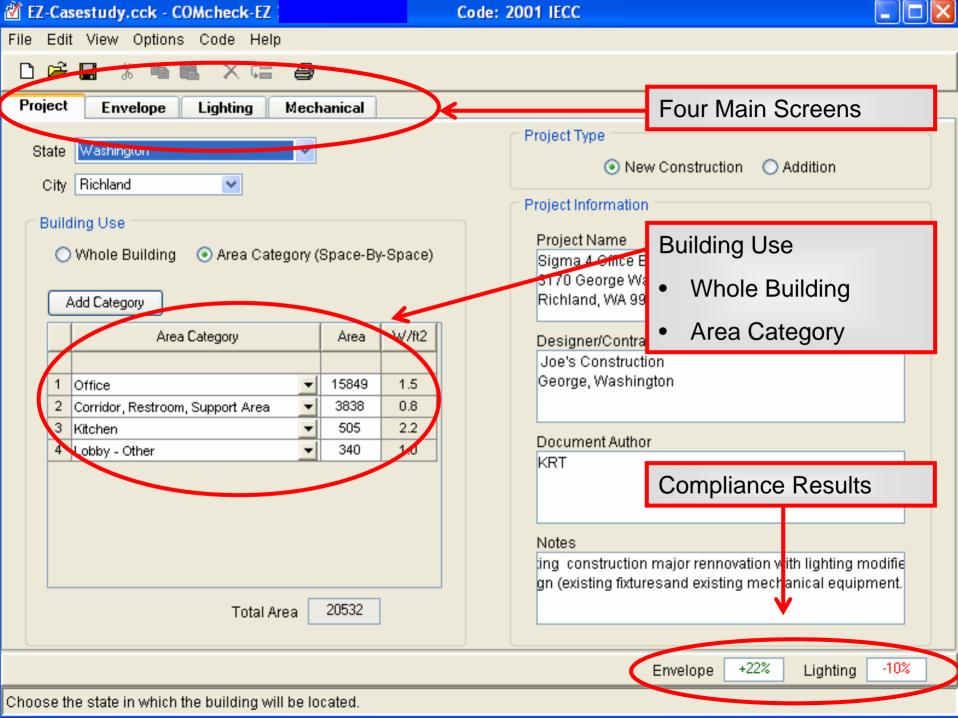


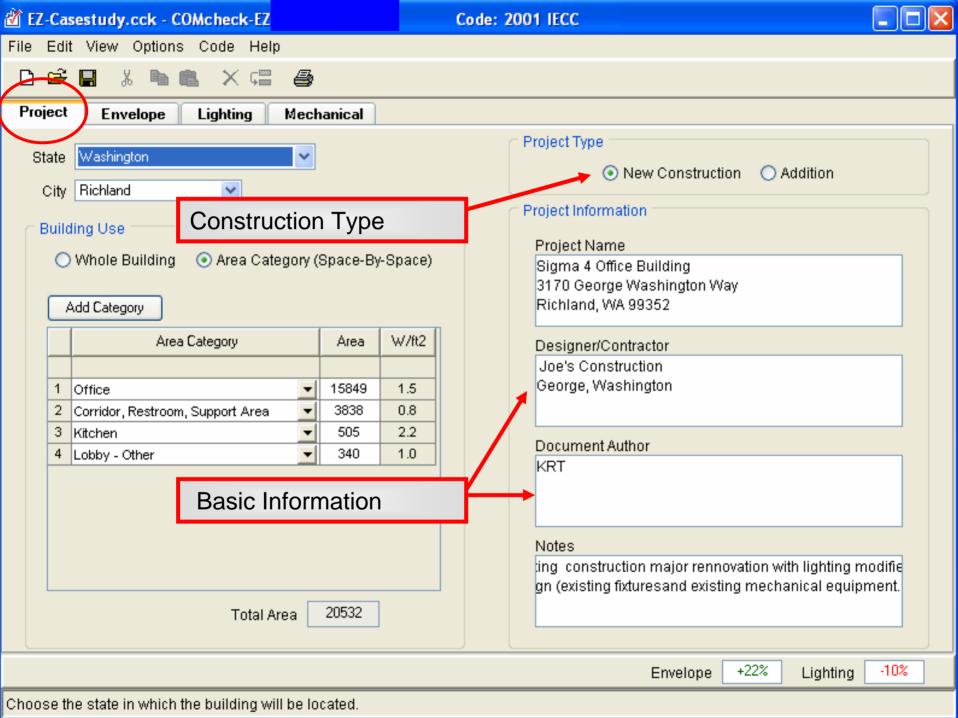


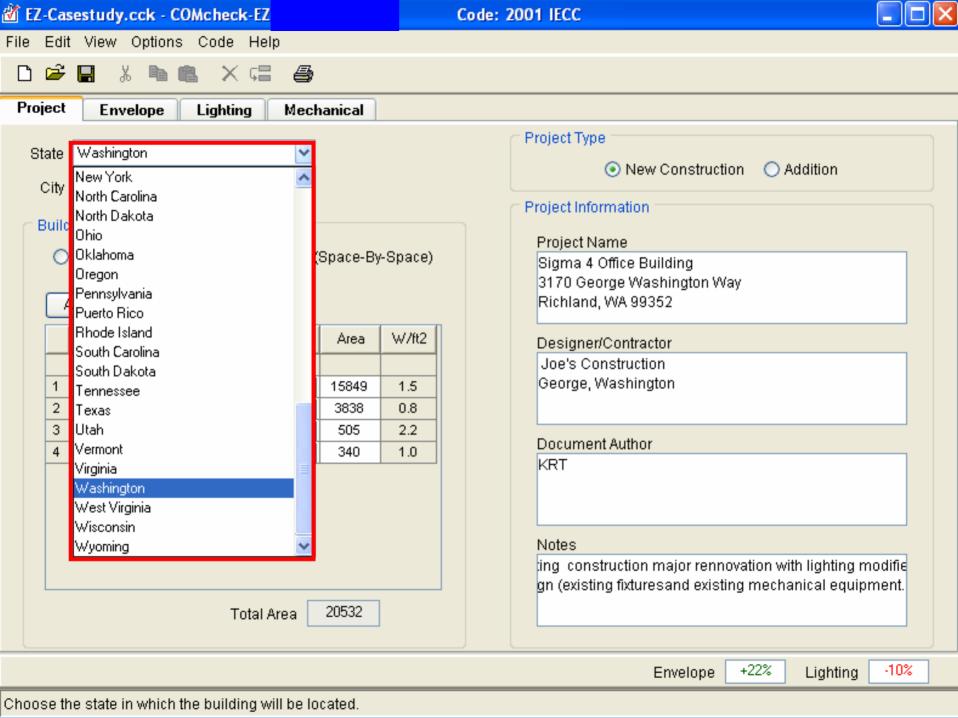


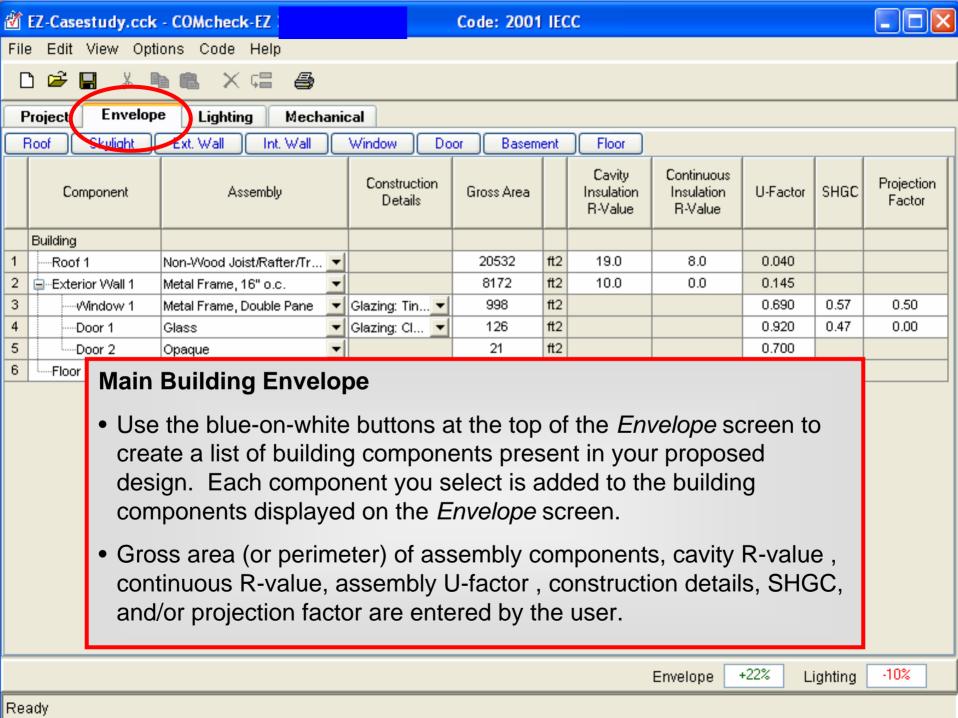


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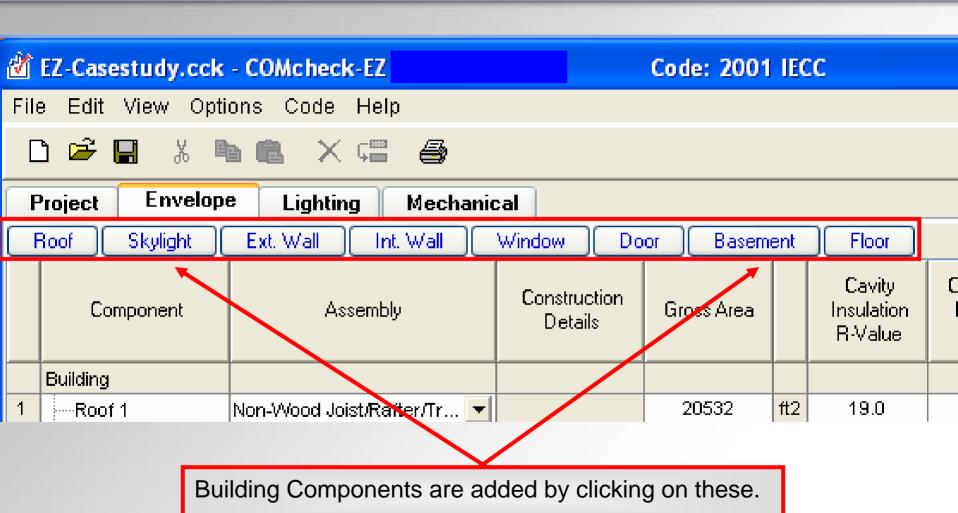


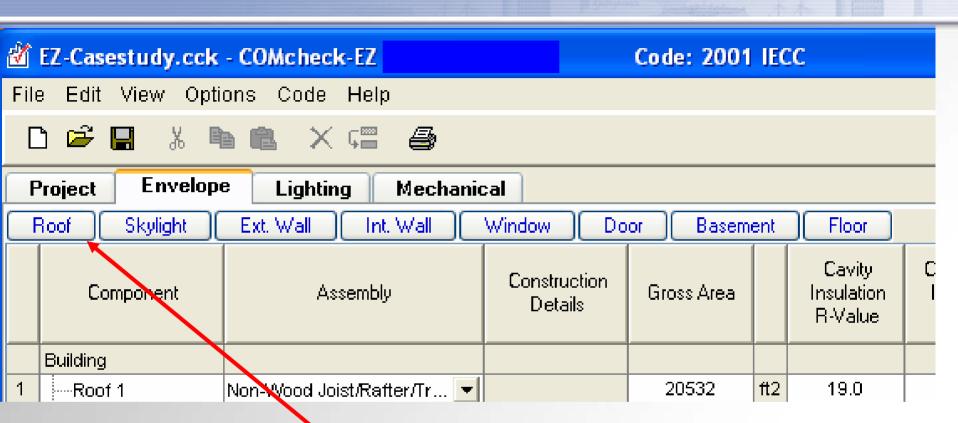




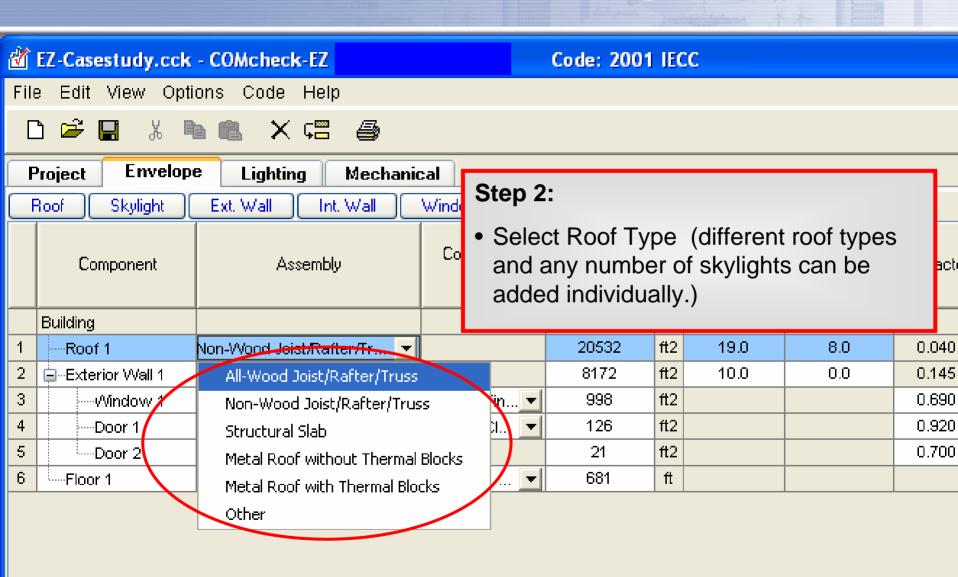


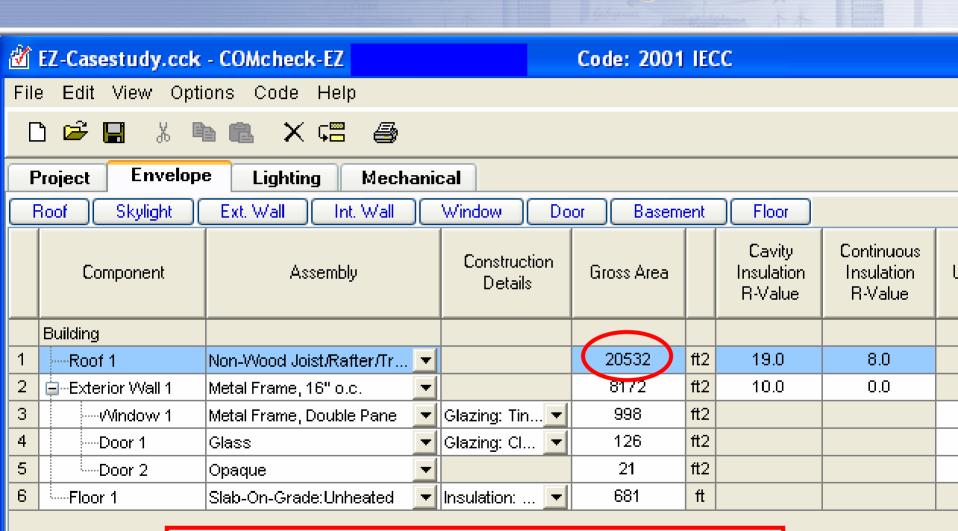
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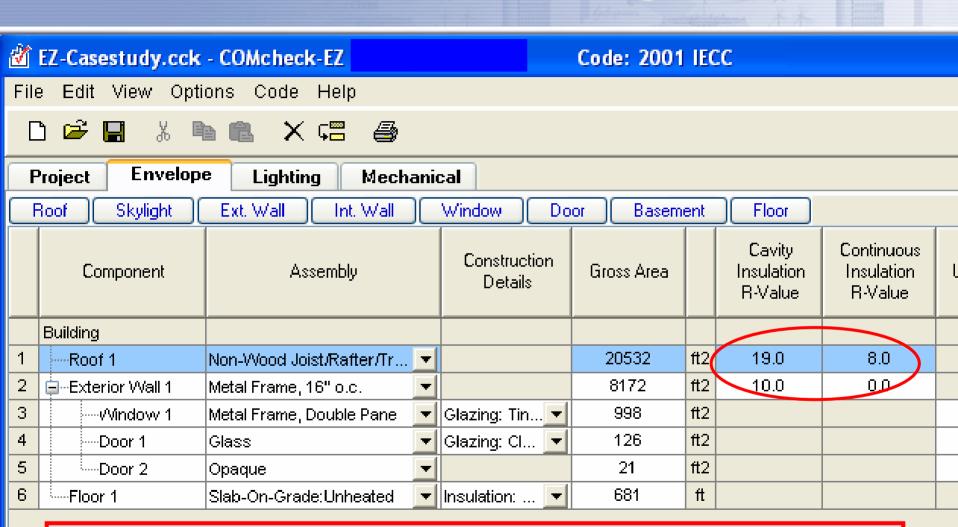
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Step 3:

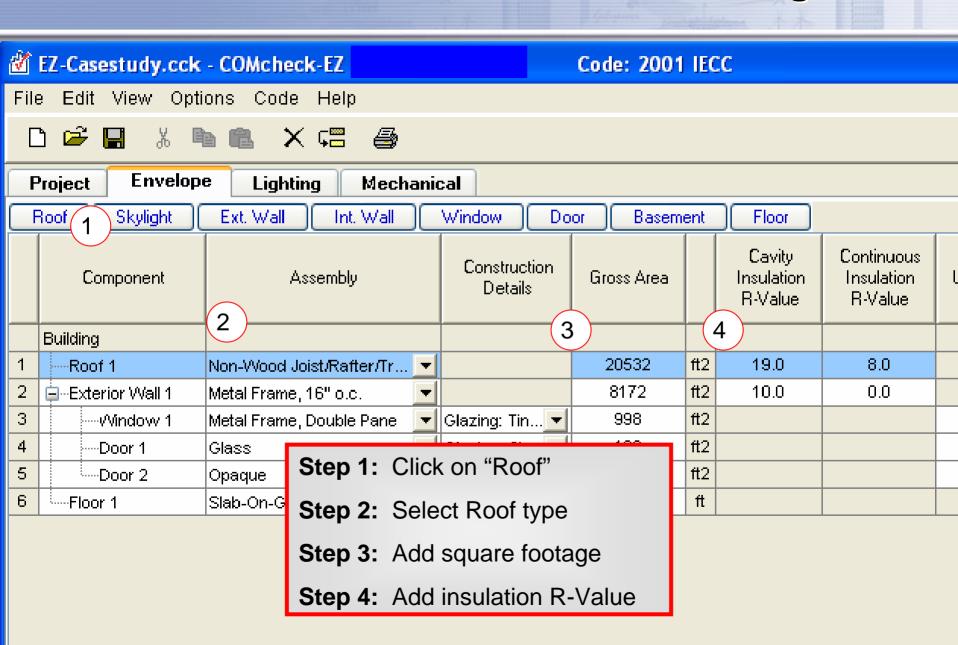
Add square footage (In this case 20532 square feet)



Step 4:

Add insulation R-Value (R-19 cavity and R-8.0 continuous in this example)

Adding Roofs



Skylights

- 3% of area is exempted from inclusion in the proposed and budget building loads calculations
 - Requirements based on
 U-value (NFRC tested) or
 Default U-value table



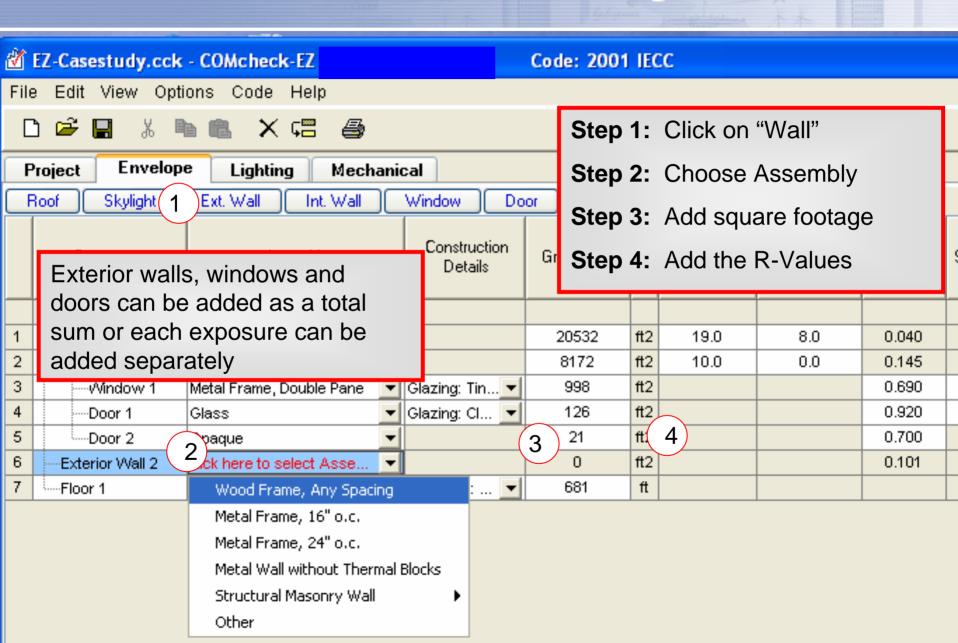
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FRAME MATERIAL AND PRODUCT TYPE*	SINGLE GLAZED	DOUBLE GLAZED
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Operable (including sliding and		
swinging glass doors)	1.27	0.87
Fixed	1.13	0.69
Garden window	2.60	1.81
Curtain wall	1.22	0.79
Skylight	1.98	1.31
Site-assembled sloped/overhead glazing	1.36	0.82
Metal with thermal break		
Operable (including sliding and		
swinging glass doors)	1.08	0.65
Fixed	1.07	0.63
Curtain wall	1.11	0.68
Skylight	1.89	1.11
Site-assembled sloped/overhead glazing	1.25	0.70
Reinforced vinyl/metal clad wood		
Operable (including sliding and		
swinging glass doors)	0.90	0.57
Fixed	0.98	0.56
Skylight	1.75	1.05
Wood/vinyl/fiberglass		
Operable (including sliding and		
swinging glass doors)	0.89	0.55
Fixed	0.98	0.56
Garden window	2.31	1.61
Skylight	1.47	0.84

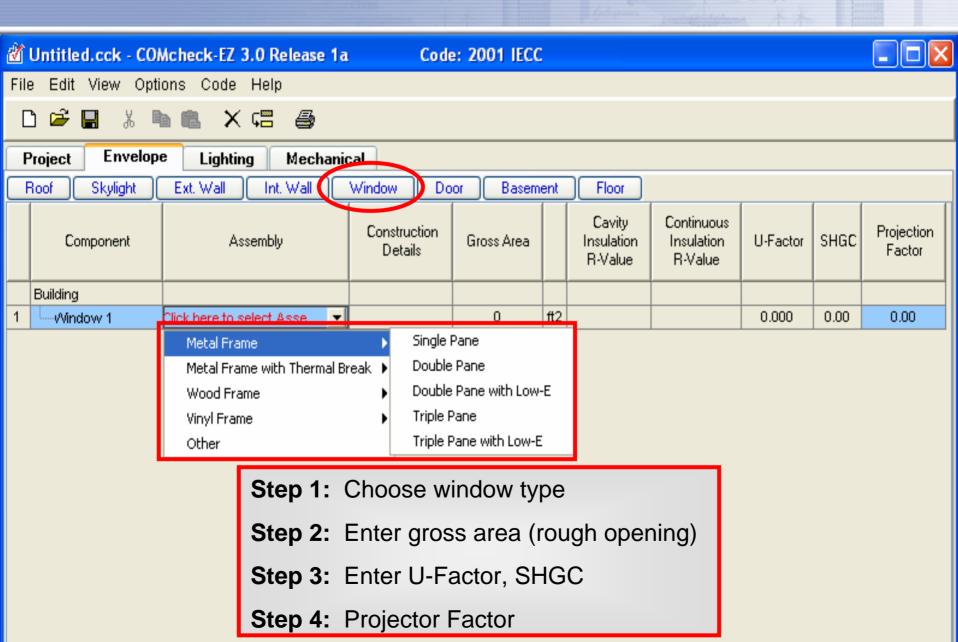
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⁴ Glass block assemblies with mortar but without reinforcing or framing shall have a U-value of 0.60.

Adding Exterior Walls



Adding Windows



Windows - U-Factors

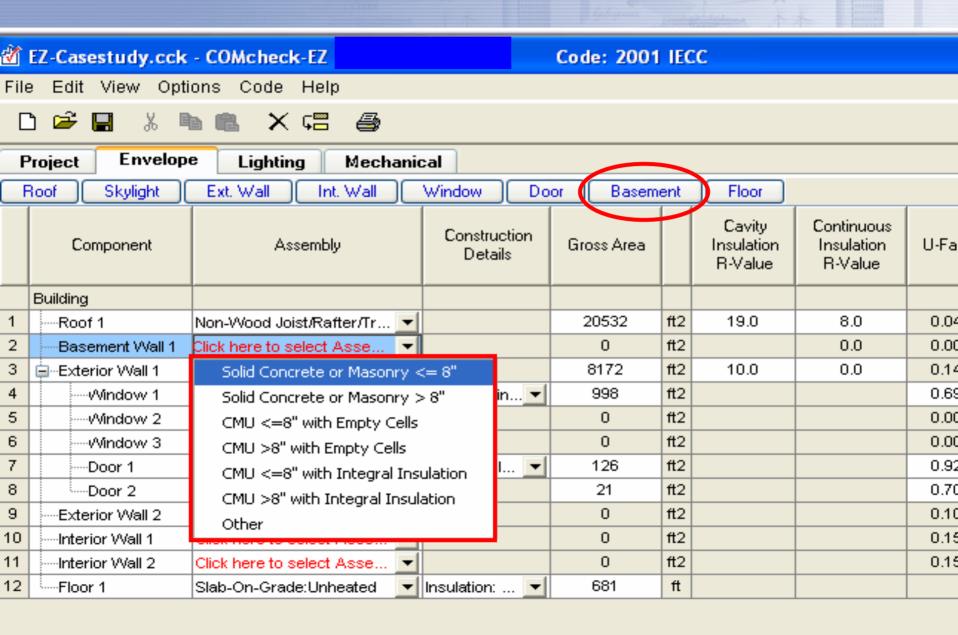
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- NFRC tested and certified or default window U-value range
- Use assembly U-value
- All windows must meet or exceed

Basement Walls

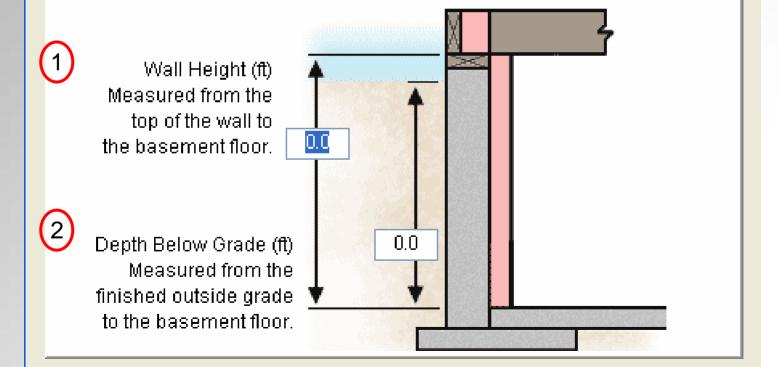


Basement Walls

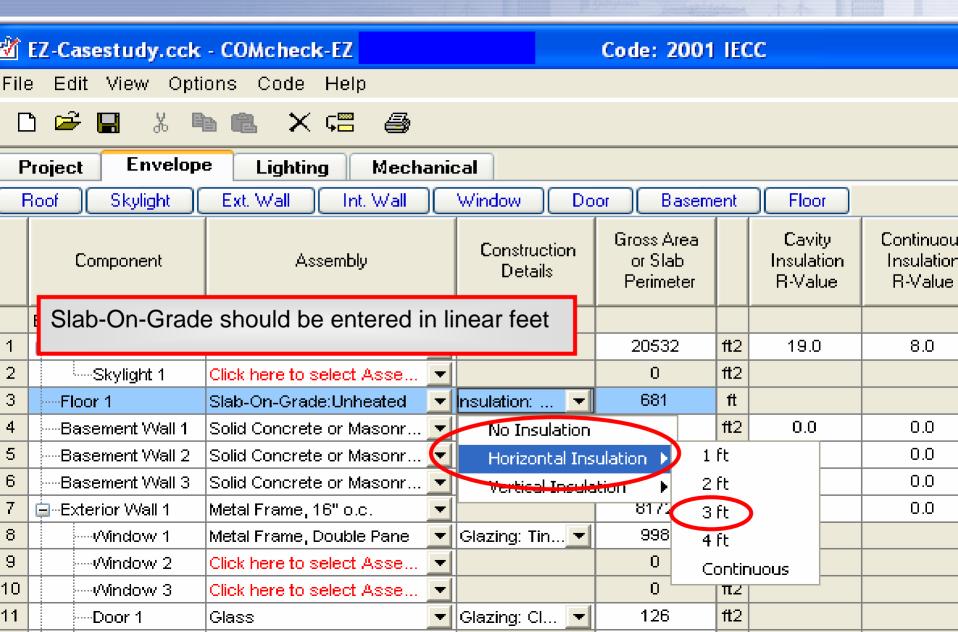
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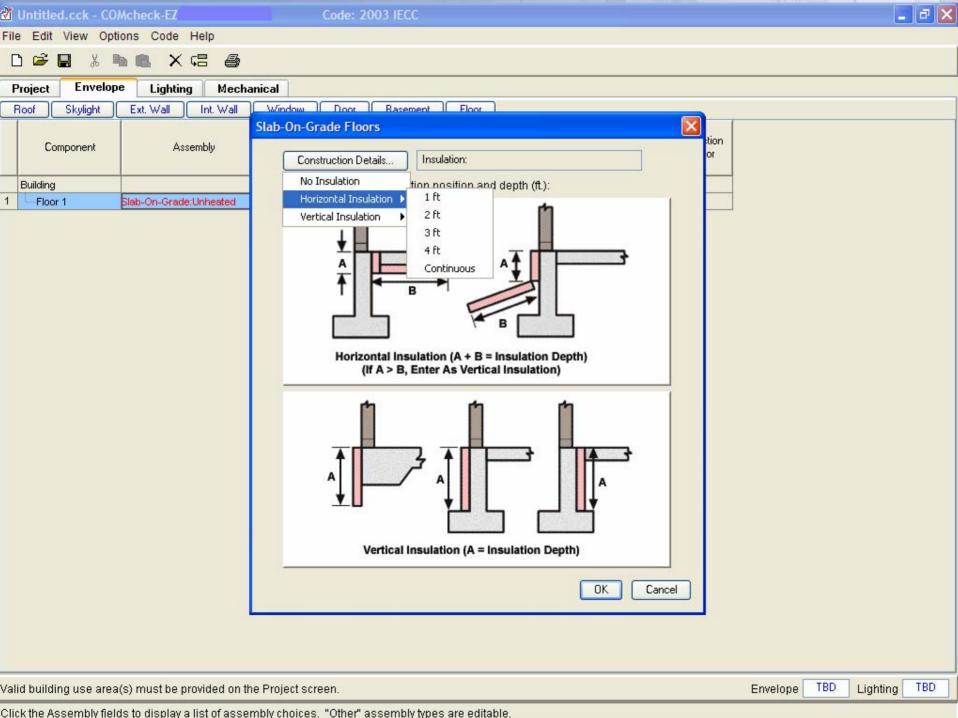


Enter the specified dimensions in feet (not inches) in the boxes provided. Basement walls are walls that are partially or fully below grade. Ignore portions of walls that are more than 10 ft below grade.

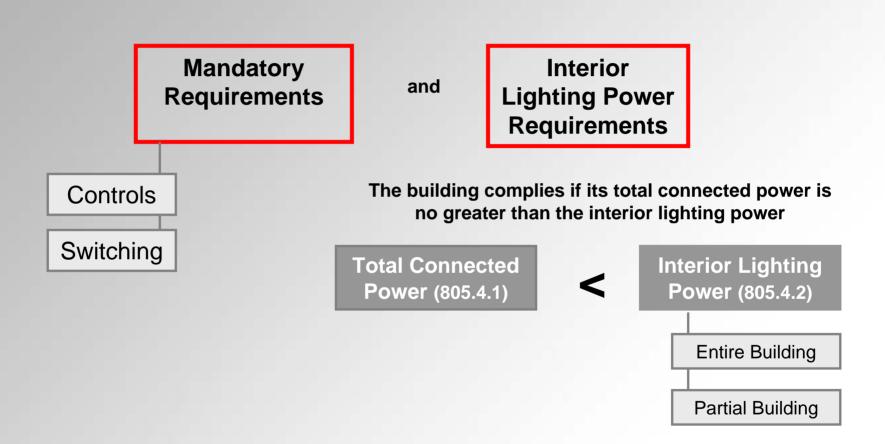


Adding Floors

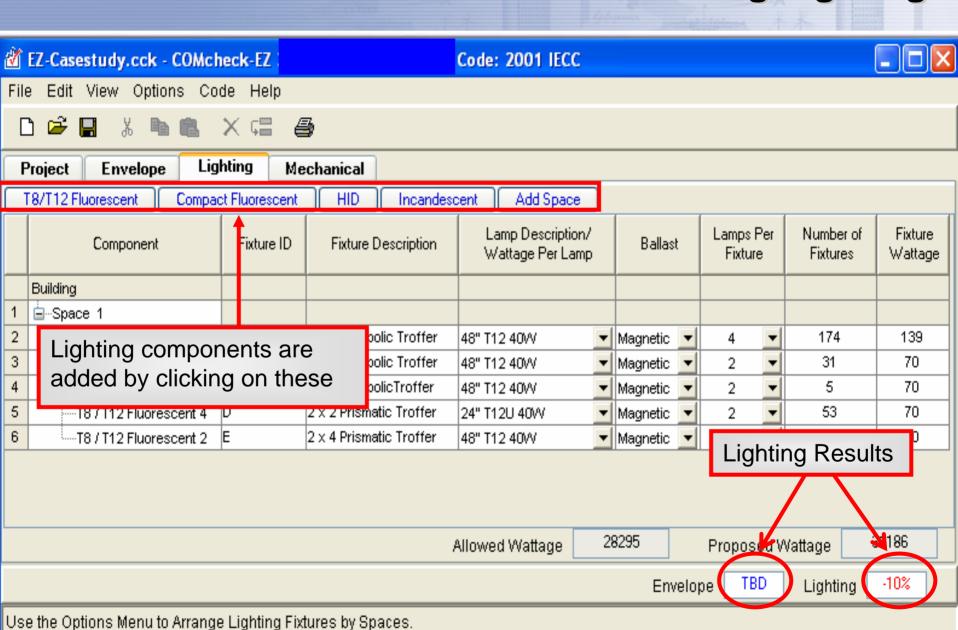




Interior Lighting Compliance

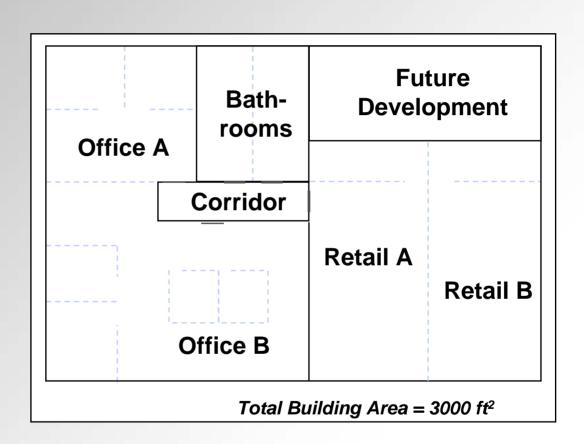


Adding Lighting

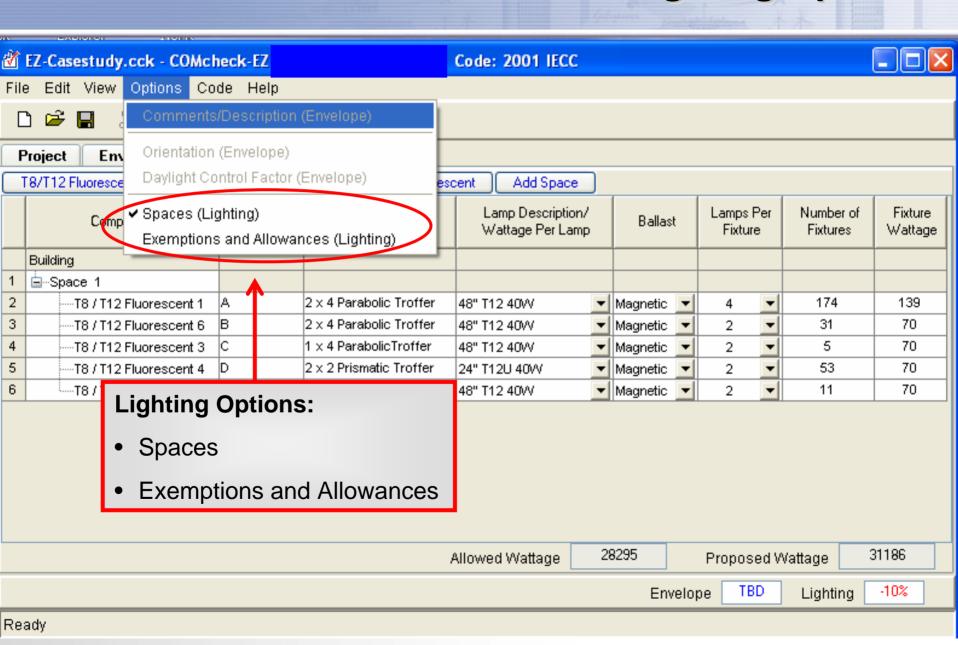


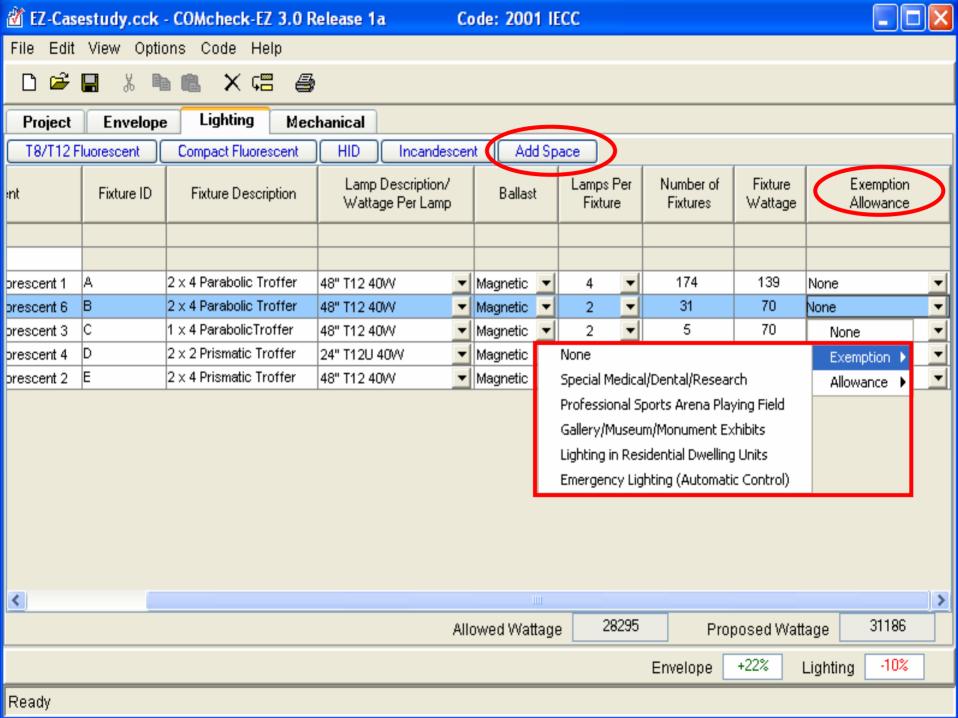
Lighting Using Space-by-Space

Office A: 400 ft²
Office B: 850 ft²
Bathrooms: 350 ft²
Corridor: 50 ft²
Retail A: 500 ft²
Retail B: 500 ft²
Future: 350 ft²



Lighting Options





Mechanical Requirements

Simple Systems (Section 803.2)

- 803.2.1 Heating and cooling loads
- 803.2.2 HVAC Equipment Performance Requirement
- 803.2.3 -Temperature & Humidity Controls
- 803.2.4 Hydronic System Controls
- 803.2.5 Ventilation
- 803.2.6 Economizers
- 803.2.7 Shutoff Damper Controls
- 803.2.8 Duct and Plenum Insulation and Sealing
- 803.2.9 Piping insulation

Complex Systems (Section 803.3)

- 803.3.1 Heating and Cooling Loads
- 803.3.2 HVAC Equipment Performance Requirement
- 803.3.3 –HVAC System Controls
- 803.3.4 VAV Systems Serving Multiple Zones
- 803.3.5 Ventilation
- 803.3.6 Duct and Plenum Insulation and Sealing
- 803.3.7 Piping insulation
- 803.3.8 System Completion

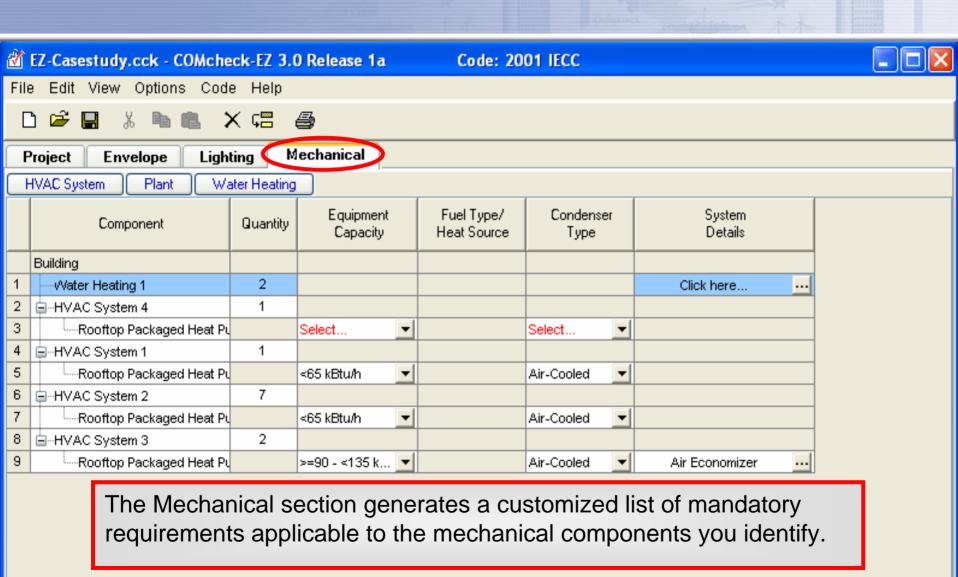
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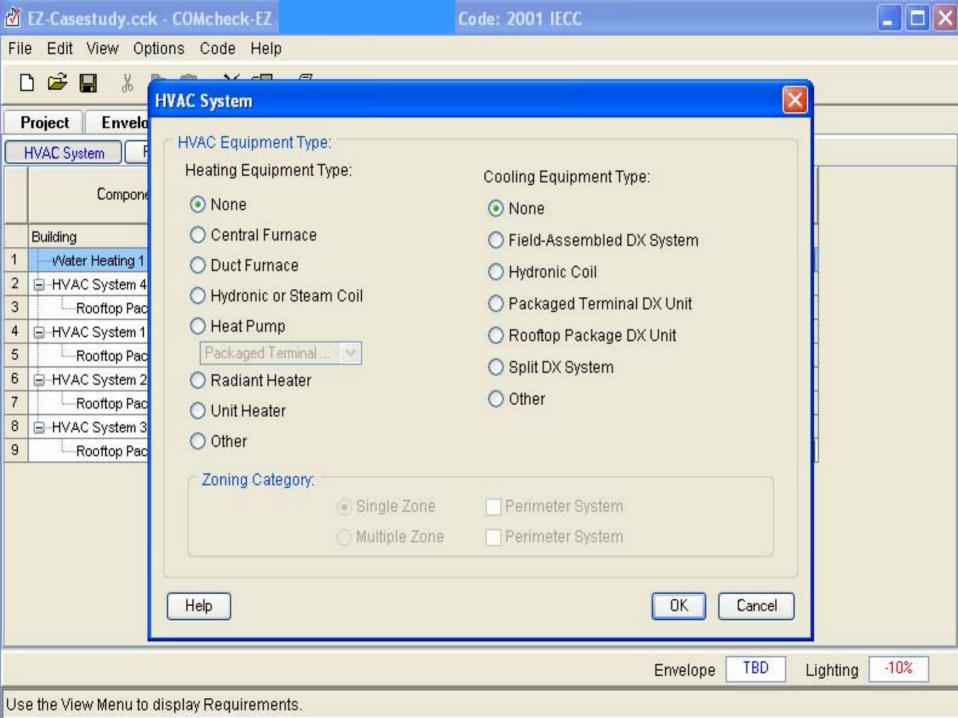
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Envelope



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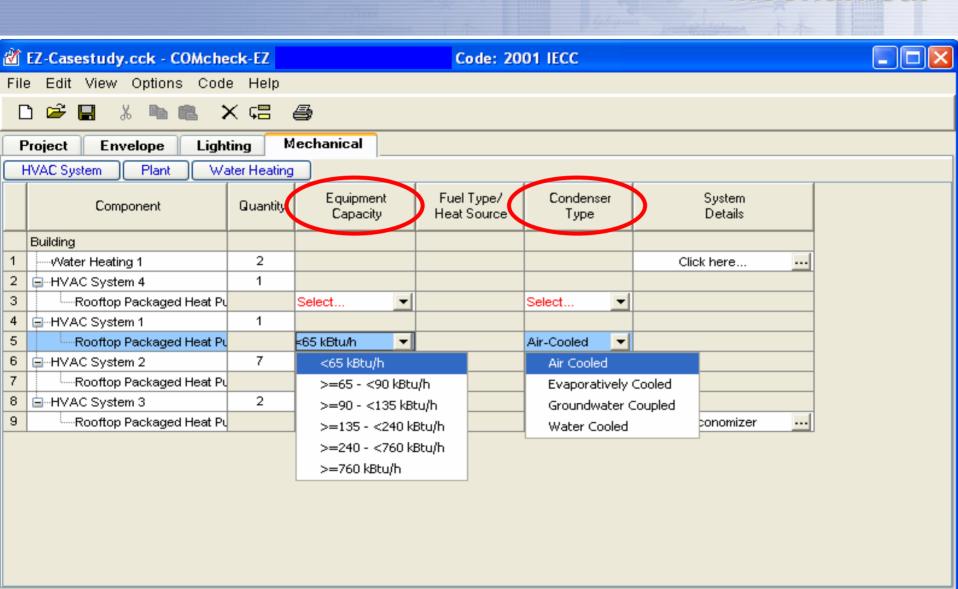
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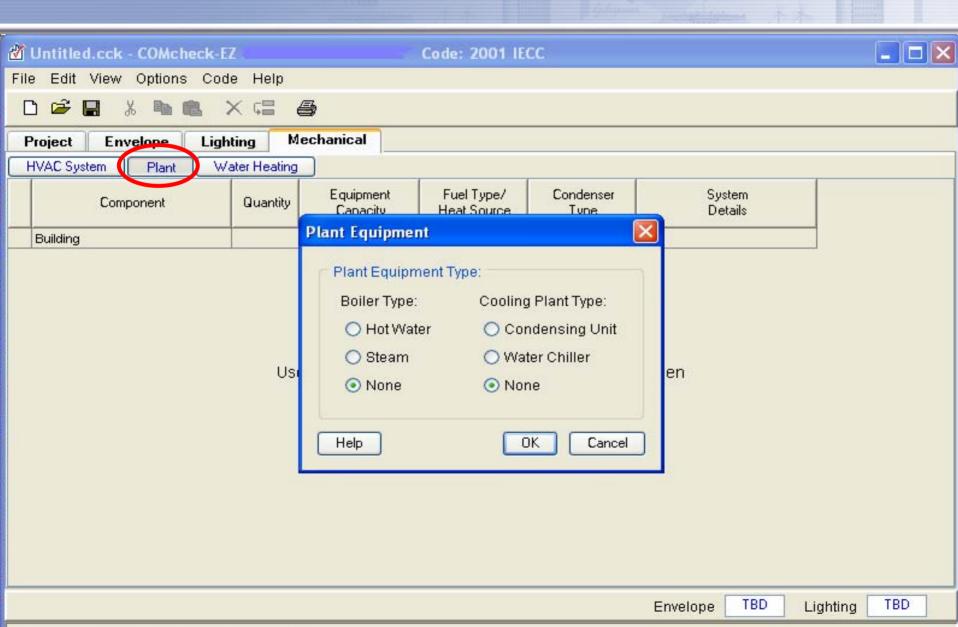
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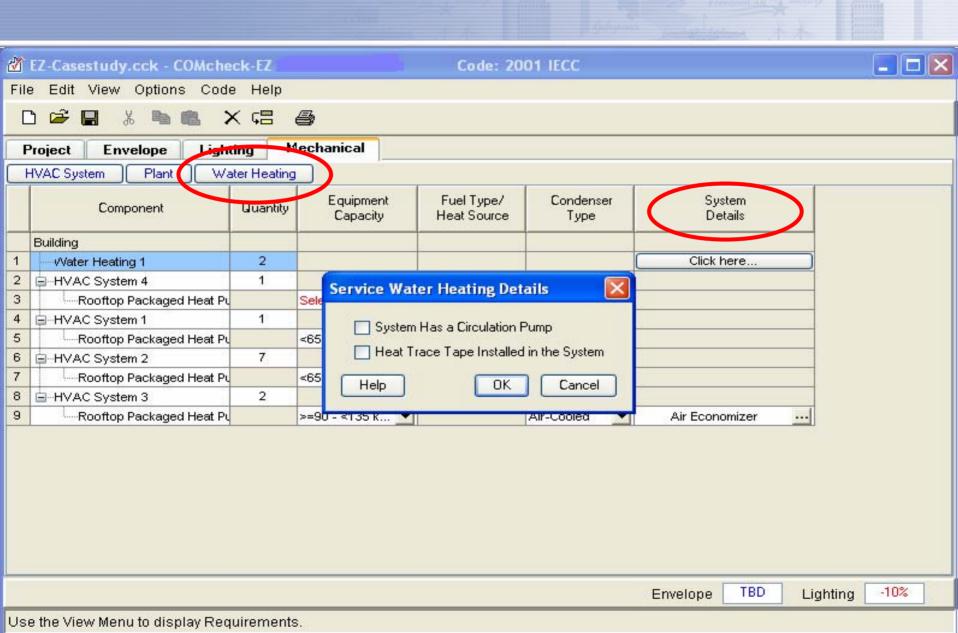


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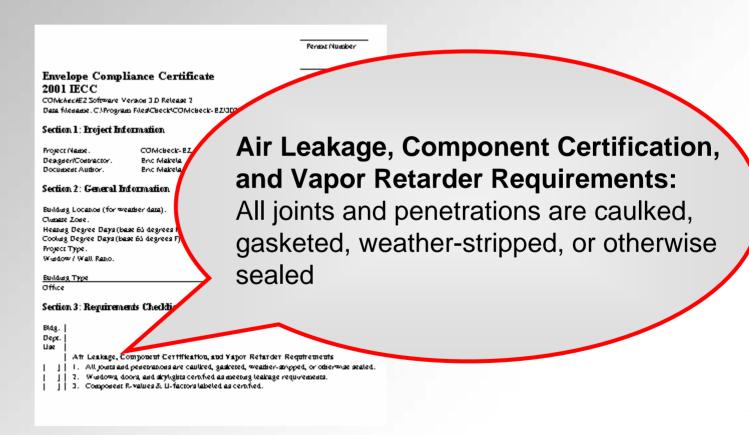


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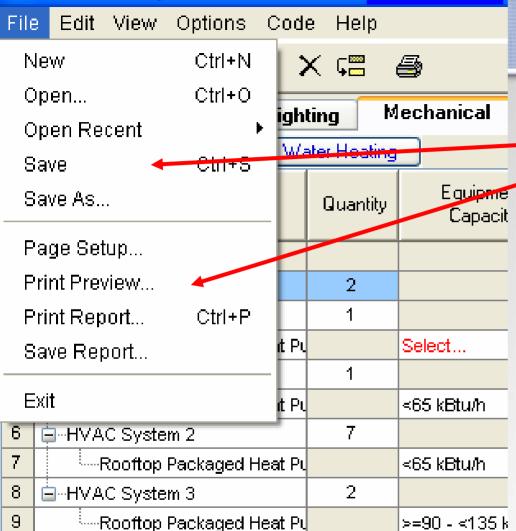


Mandatory Requirements in COMcheck Software

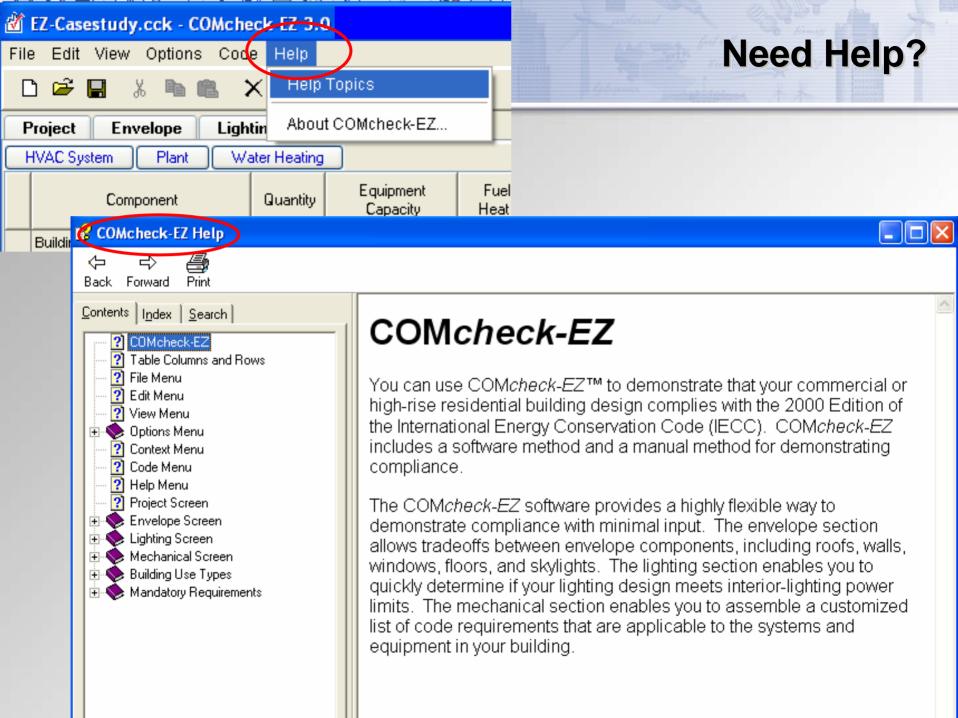
- Requirements Checklist generated automatically based on input
 - applicable code
 - building location



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Be sure to save your project Preview and Print reports



COMcheck-EZ Software Case Studies

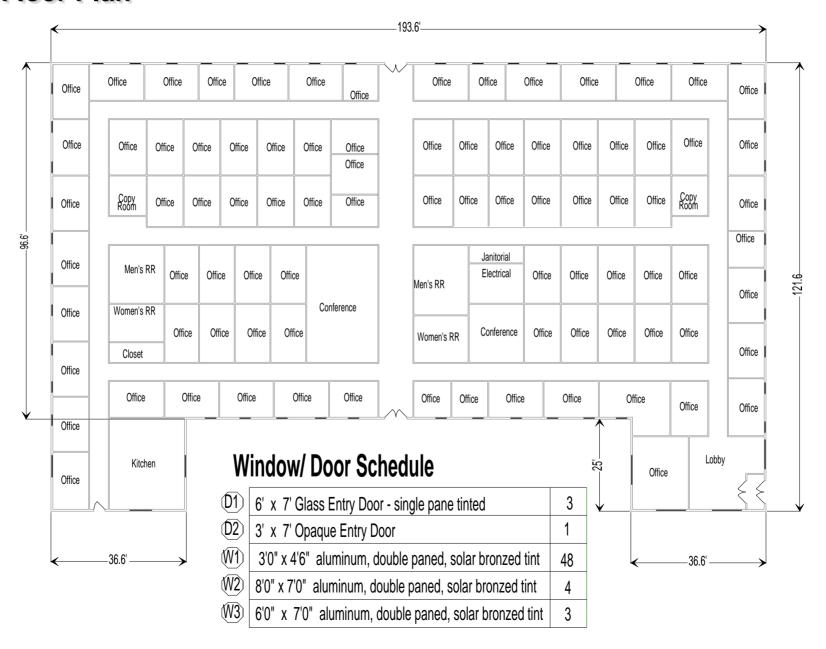






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Sigma 2 Bldg.Floor Plan



Sigma 2 Bldg.Building Envelope

Roof: 20,532 sq.ft. Wood truss R-19 Insulation

Exterior Walls: 8172 sq.ft. 2 X 4 Metal Frame at 16" O.C., R-10 Insulation

Walls Perimeter = 681 In. ft.

Windows: 998 sq.ft. Metal Frame, double pane, tinted, U-value .69, SHGC-Value .57, P.F. .50

Window/Wall Ratio = 12%

Glass Doors: 126 sq. ft. Clear Glazing, U-value .92, SHGC-Value .47

Metal Door: 21 s.f. U-value .70

Floor: 20,532 sq. ft./681 linear feet, unheated slab on grade, no insulation

2 Storage Water Heaters, Electric, 80 gal. capacity

Activity Areas

Office: 15,849 sq.ft.

Halls/Corridors/Transitions:

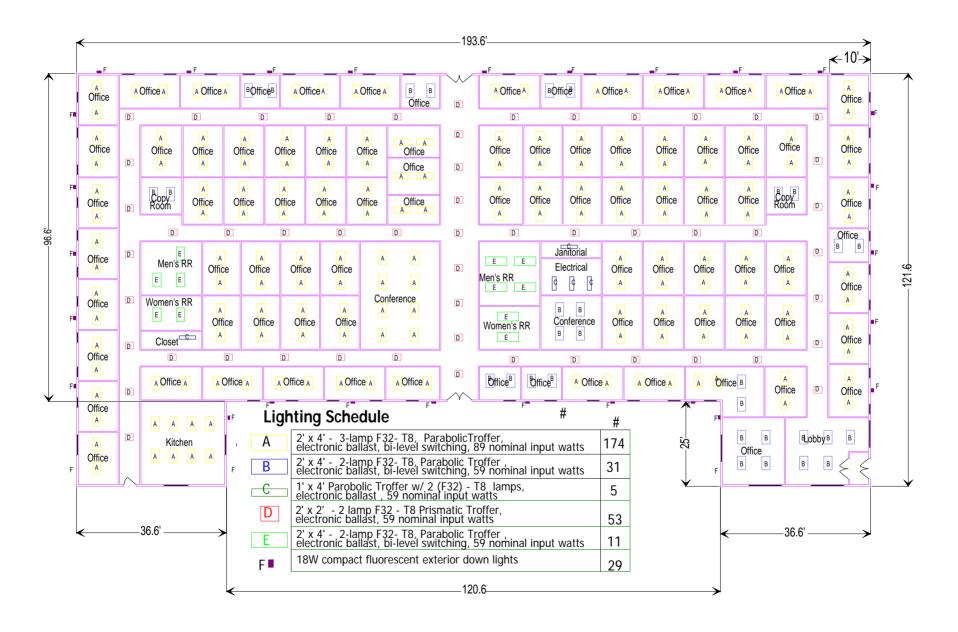
3338 sq.ft.

Restrooms: 500 sq.ft.

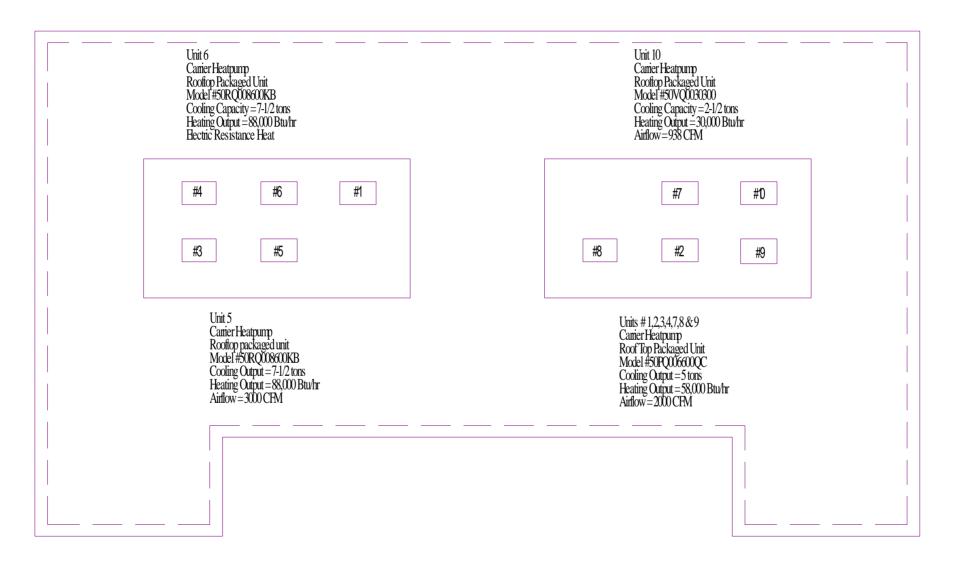
Kitchen: 505 sq.ft.

Lobby: 340 sq.ft.

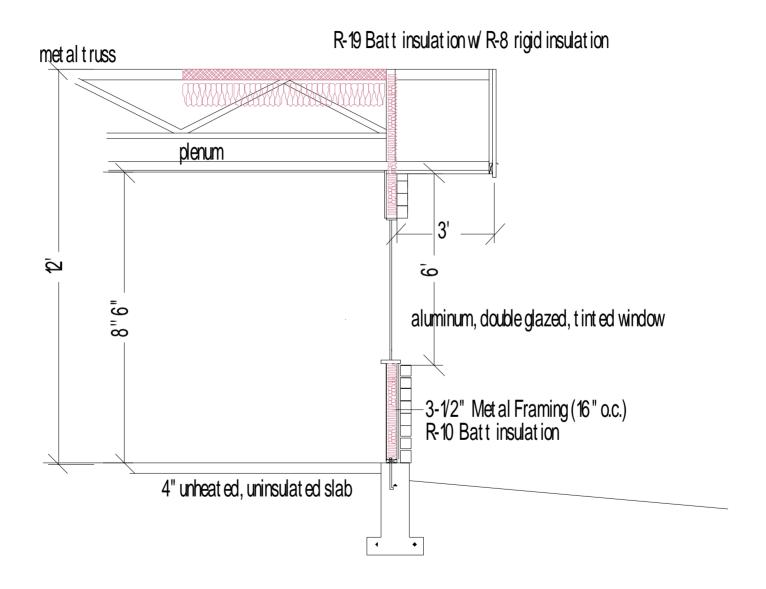
Sigma 2 Bldg.Lighting Plan – Existing Lighting



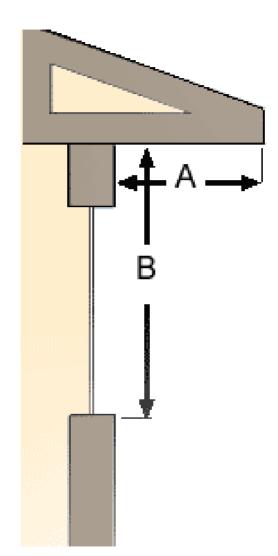
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Building Section



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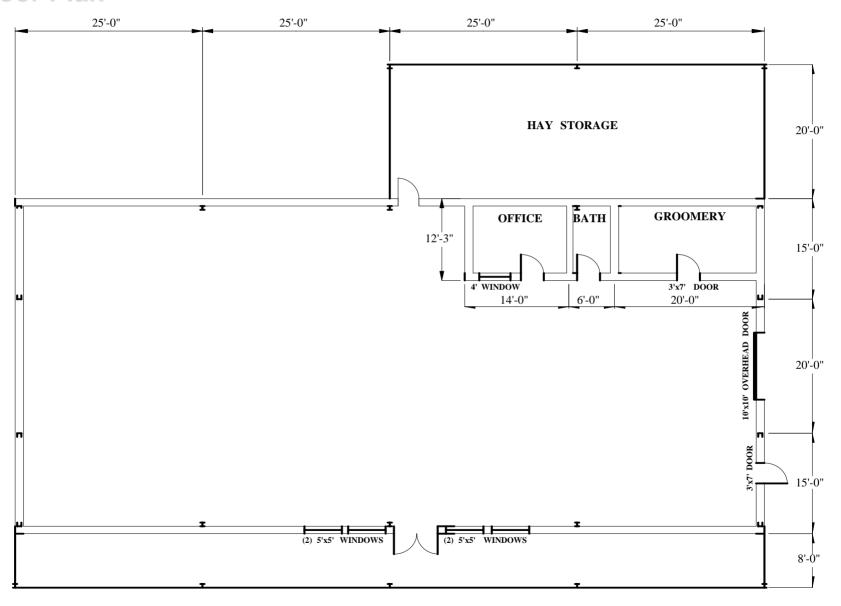


PF= A/B PF=0.5

Red Mountain Feed & Irrigation



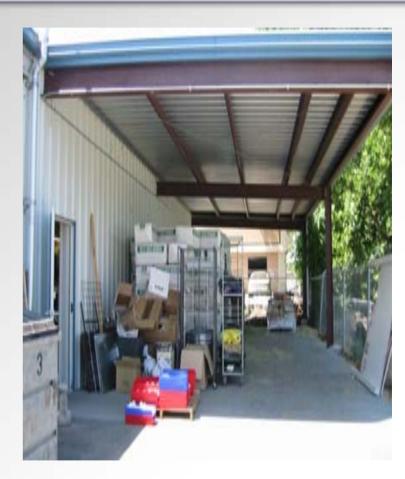
•Red Mountain Feed & Irrigation Floor Plan



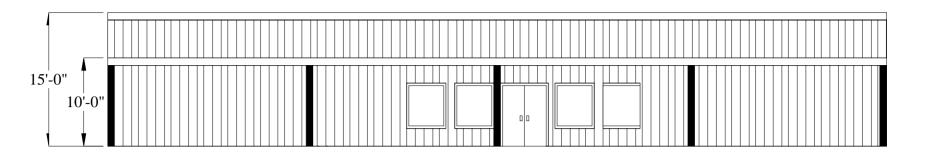
Spaces



Inside Office/Bathroom



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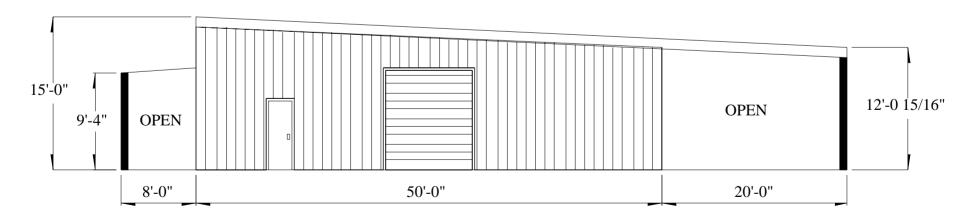


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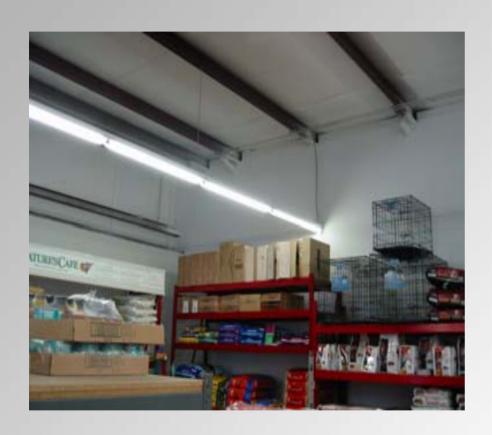
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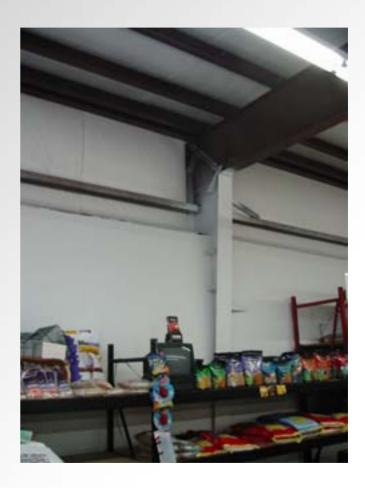
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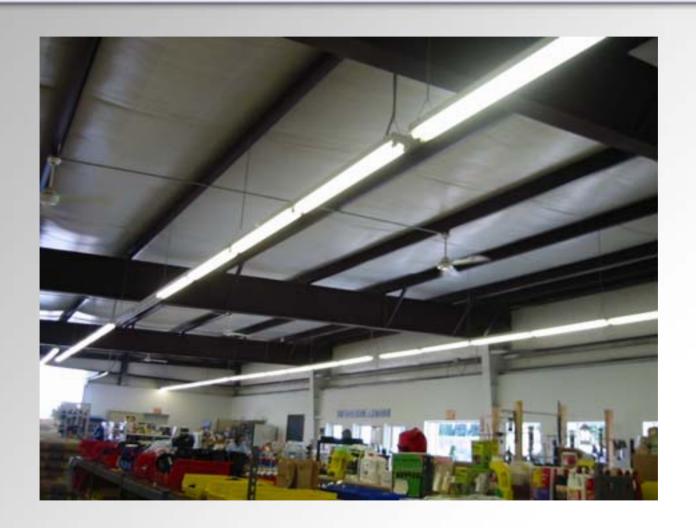


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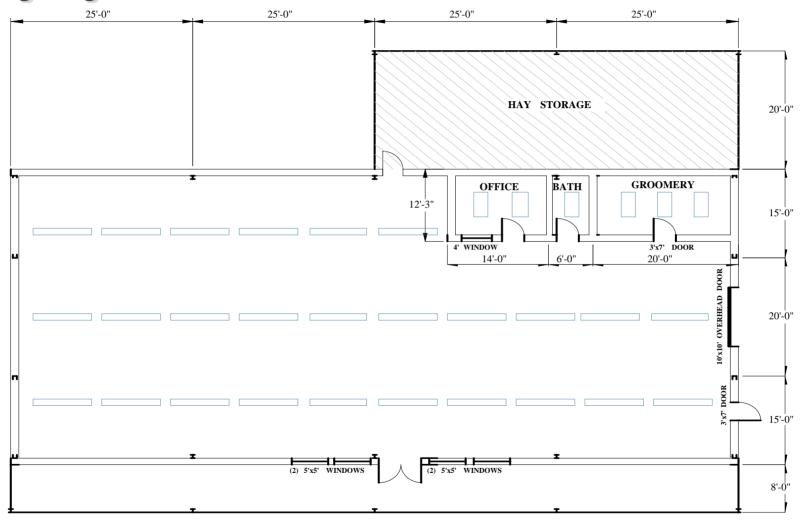




Lighting



Red Mountain Feed Lighting Plan



Lighting Schedule

8' Industrial Fluorescent, 2 F96T12 Slimline Lamps & Energy Saving Magnetic Ballast 43 Fixtures, 173 watts/fixture

2'x4" Troffer 2 F32T8 lamps and GEB, 6 Fixtures, 59 watts/fixture

Heating System



Pellet Stove



Unit Heater

Red Mountain Feed Building Envelope

Roof: 5,000 sq.ft. Metal w/1" Styrofoam thermal block, R-13 Insulation

Exterior Walls: 6,397 sq.ft.

Windows: 144 sq.ft. Metal Frame, double pane, tinted, U-factor .75, SHGC .88. PF .33

Glass Doors: 42 sq. ft., Metal Frame, U-factor .92, SHGC .87, PF, .33

Window/Wall Ratio = 2.9%

Doors: 100 sq. ft.Overhead Metal, U-value .60, other metal-42', u-value 1.20

Floor: 5000sq.ft./300 linear feet, unheated slab on grade, R10 2' vertical

Other COMcheck Compliance Tools

Prescriptive Approach

- Simple, fast and easy
- Generally most stringent
- Requires minimum input
- Based on climate and WWR
- · Uses a prototype building







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Pick the appropriate package based on WWR, Zone and code

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Forms available at www.energycodes.gov

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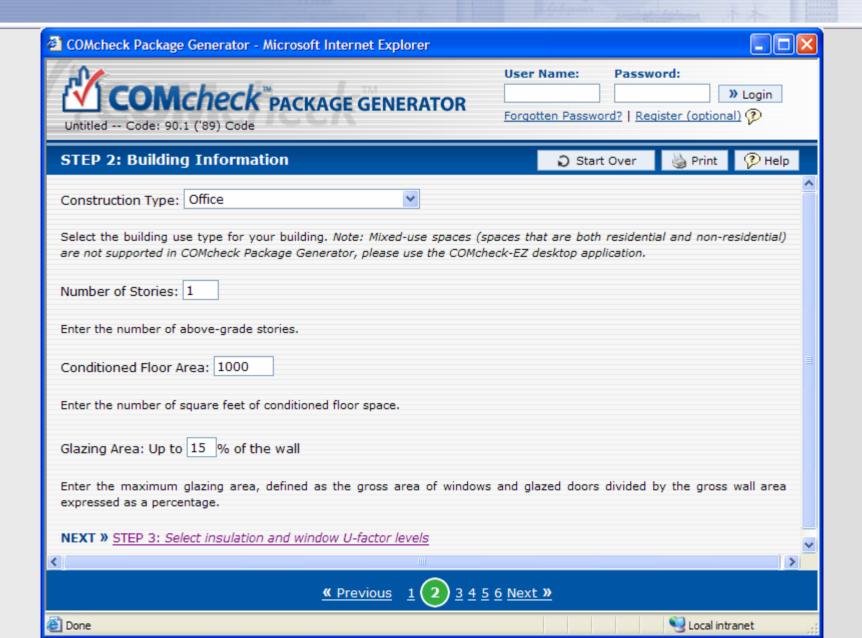


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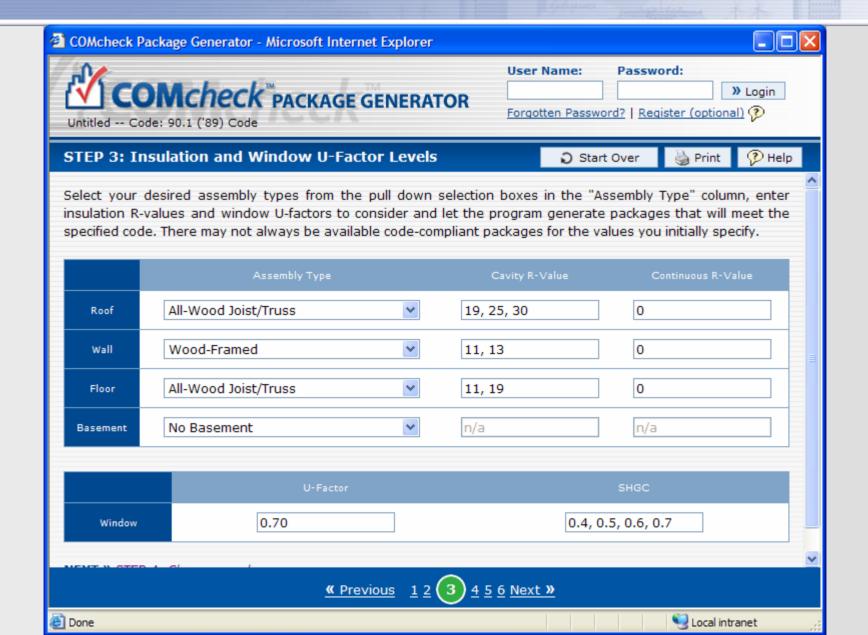
Lighting Compliance Certificate for the 2000 IECC

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